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Mr. Peter E. Holmes
Director-Office for Civil Rights
Department of Health, Education and Welfare
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Mr. Holmes:

Wadhams Hall would like to apply for exemption from certain provisions of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.

Wadhams Hall is a seminary-college located in Ogdensburg, New York. It was founded in 1924 with its primary purpose to prepare men for the Roman Catholic priesthood. The Regents of the University of the State of New York have amended its charter as a four-year liberal arts college empowered to grant bachelor of arts (B.A.) degrees to its qualified graduates.

Our purpose has limited our growth and we have been continuously a single-sex institution since our establishment in 1924.

We are applying for exemption from certain provisions of the act because any changes would be inconsistent with the basic religious tenets of the school. We are applying for exemptions in the areas of admissions, housing, educational programs and activities, counseling and guidance, financial aid, and athletics and physical education.

We are also applying for exemption for one aspect of our employment practices. Our purpose dictates that a certain percentage of our faculty be priests. These priests perform their priestly duties as part of the formational aspect of Wadhams Hall. This would include spiritual counseling, attendance at spiritual exercises, etc.

For these reasons we would like to be able to advertise certain job openings as limited to priests. As of October we had thirty-six employees and of this number twelve were priests.



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If additional information is needed concerning our application for exemption, please feel free to contact our institution. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "P. R. Riani".

(Rev.) Peter R. Riani
President

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